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SUBJECT: UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO U.S. BY EX-PLANNING MINISTER

REF: BUENOS AIRES 2165

1. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL RICARDO YOFRE
OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY HAS EXPRESSED
TO US HIS PUZZLEMENT OVER THE PURPOSES OF
GENERAL DIAZ BESSONE'S TRIP TO THE U.S.
YOFRE TERMED DIAZ BESSONE A "HAS BEEN" AND
SAID THE OPINION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE
WAS THAT THE TRIP WAS AN UNNECESSARY JUNKET.
YOFRE APPEARED PARTICULARLY SUSPICIOUS ABOUT
DIAZ BESSONE'S CONTACTS WITH COCA COLA CORPORATION
WHICH IS EVIDENTLY LAYING ON A PROGRAM FOR THE
GENERAL IN THE US. YOFRE EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN TOLD
THAT WE HAD ALSO PLANNED TO EXTEND EVERY APPROPRIATE
COURTESY TO DIAZ BESSONE WHEN HE VISITED WASHINGTON. IN
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RESPONSE WE ASKED THAT THE PALACE LET US KNOW IF THERE
WERE ANY REAL OBJECTIONS TO DIAZ BESSONE'S BEING RECEIVED
BY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS.

2. THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS CONVERSATION YOFRE CALLED
BACK TO REITERATE THAT SINCE DIAZ BESSONE WAS NO LONGER
A MEMBER OF THE GOA AND SINCE HE WAS TRAVELLING IN A

TOTALLY PRIVATE CAPACITY, USG SHOULD NOT FEEL OBLIGED
TO RECEIVE HIM.

3. AS A COURTESY WE THINK DIAZ BESSONE SHOULD BE RECEIVED
IN THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IN VIEW OF THE ANTI-DIAZ BESSONE
ATTITUDE IN THE PALACE WE SUGGEST THIS BE DONE AT A
LEVEL LOWER THAN THAT OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY. IN
ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS, A SAFE GUIDE FOR DEPARTMENT
MAY BE TO CHECK WITH AND FOLLOW AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL'S
LEAD ON THIS QUESTION.
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